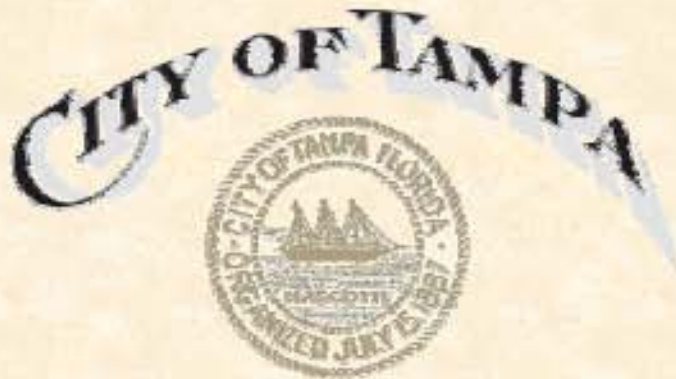


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of the many winning athletic teams in our community who continue to prove that we are a city of champions; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tampa has once again proven their determination to be the best with their very first NCAA National Championship title win by the Women's Volleyball team in a 3-1 victory over #6 ranked North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, competing for the national title for the third time since 1996, The University of Tampa finished the 2006 season with a 35-1 overall record and a 15-1 record in the Sunshine State Conference; and

WHEREAS, winning 18 straight matches after their one loss, the team finished the season, took the conference title, South Region title and national championship, and had two players named by the AVA as NCAA II All-American selections. Two additional team members were also named for second team and honorable mention selection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is also proud of The University of Tampa's Head Women's Volleyball Coach Chris Catanach for his selection as the 2006 Tachikara/AVCA Division II National Coach of the Year honor. With a 721-143 overall record in his 23 years in Tampa, Coach Catanach has led his team to 16 SSC titles, 21 NCAA tournament appearances and 10 National Championship appearances. He has also been named SSC Coach of the Year 12 times and was elected to the SSC Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Tampa Hall of Fame in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa wishes to congratulate Coach Chris Catanach, the assistant coaches, and the outstanding members of the team for their hard work, dedication, and success in achieving these outstanding accomplishments - you are all champions and represent the finest ideals of sportsmanship.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2007 as

"UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating them on their great season and wishing them continued success in future years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of January, 2007.





Mayor